

## THEY HAVE THE TOOLS

Missoula Citizens Bound to Have Another Daily Paper.

## "THE WESTERN DEMOCRAT"

Ready to Launch the New Enterprise — Evidence That the Concern is a Stayer.

Special Dispatch to the Standard.

MISSOULA, May 12.—The machinery for the new morning paper arrived today, and men are busy putting it in place in the basement of the heretofore vacant store in the Union block. The plant consists of an improved Cranston "crown" newspaper press, a Cranston "pony" job press, two old style Gordon job presses, a Brown folder and other necessary machinery, as well as a large stock of newspaper type, and what is claimed to be the finest line of job type in the state. The plant, including the paper stock, cost about \$12,000.

Articles of incorporation of the Democrat Publishing company are being drawn today. The incorporators are William C. Murphy, Frank H. Woody and B. E. Bradley. The capital stock is \$25,000, divided into 500 shares of a par value of \$50 each. Frank G. Higgins is neither an incorporator nor stockholder. This company will publish the new paper, which will be known as the *Western Democrat*. It will make its appearance between the 1st and 10th of June as a morning paper, daily except Monday. It will be a seven-column folio or a six-column quarto. At the start it will publish the night report of the Press News association of about 2,500 words. It will also have a special service from the principal towns of the state. B. E. Bradley will be the manager, Frank Keim foreman of the news room and H. M. Pierce foreman of the press room. The staff has not yet been decided upon. The paper will start with a fine plant, experienced men in charge, the good will of the democrats of the city and county, and a good chance of success in spite of the competition of the other city papers.

## ON THE BRIDGE AT MIDNIGHT.

Some Excitement Occasioned at Missoula by the Finding of a Man.

Special Dispatch to the Standard.

MISSOULA, May 12.—About 11:30 to-night some excitement was occasioned by the finding of a man lying on the bridge in an unconscious condition. He was taken to the Sisters' hospital. He appeared like a plain drunk, but there was no smell of liquor on his breath and Dr. Hanson expressed the belief that he had fallen and hurt his head or had been sandbagged. At the hospital he was recognized as Pat Curran, who had been a patient there for two weeks and had been drunk to-day. It is not likely he was slugged, as he did not appear to have anything about him to be slugged for.

## FOR INJURED FEELINGS.

**Mayor Higgins of Missoula the Defendant in a Standar Suit.**

Special Dispatch to the Standard.

MISSOULA, May 12.—Willigott Klingberg to-day commenced suit against Frank G. Higgins for \$25,000 for defamation of character. He alleges in the complaint that on or about May first the defendant, besides calling him numerous uncomplimentary names, charged him with being a thief in the presence of others and thereby damaged his reputation to the extent of \$25,000. Marshall and Wilds are attorneys for the plaintiff.

## FROM MISSOULA.

School Trustees' Meeting—A Newspaper Changes Hands.

Special Dispatch to the Standard.

MISSOULA, May 12.—John R. Tool and Walter Mackay came down from Hamilton this morning and went to Anaconda to-night.

The school trustees have received a large number of applications for positions as teachers from outside parties. Fewer of the present teachers than usual have filed applications. The committee on teachers and salaries will report at the next meeting of the board in favor of increasing the number of teachers from 11 to 13, as it is considered necessary to have two additional rooms next year to accommodate the rapidly increasing number of scholars.

John N. Armstrong, who for the past three years has been publishing the *Bitter Root Eagle* at Grantsdale, is in the city to-day in company with George D. Strusel, to whom he has sold the paper. Mr. Strusel is from McKinley's state and will change the political complexion of the paper from democrat to republican.

Al Hobert to-day succeeds Jerry Sires as conductor of the Bitter Root train. Mr. Sires is transferred to another run.

The canyon ditch was completed to the mouth of the canyon and turned over by the contractor to the ditch company to-day. Bids for the continuation of the ditch across the Montana addition were also opened to-day.

Seven prisoners from the city jail and one from the chain gang escaped to-day. Five were captured. It is thought that by some mistake the lock on the jail door was not sprung. The chain gang man made a break for liberty on the street.

The chain gang has increased by the addition of Ching, a Chinaman arrested by Marshal Prescott last night for running an opium joint. The marshal raided the place a little too early and found the inmates with the apparatus ready for smoking but none of them smoking. Ching got away.

The high school commencement will be held at the opera house on Saturday night. An interesting programme, consisting of addresses by members of the graduating class and others interspersed with music, will be rendered. Reserved seats are on sale at Hartley's at 50 cents.

Sheriff Houston sold a band of horses under an execution to-day, and now half the boys in town are ready to join a riding club.

The annual statement of the West Iron Mountain Mining company was filed to-day. The capital stock consists of 500,000 shares of a par value of \$5 each, of which 420,340 shares are paid in and 79,660 remain in the treasury. The indebtedness is \$20,18.

The board of trade met to-night. A number of communications were read. The matter of a tannery was referred to a committee consisting of L. A. Woodward, Fred W. Jones and F. C. Ives. The executive committee reported a good prospect for raising \$2,000 for a creamery. The committee to raise funds to entertain the G. A. R. and A. O. U. W. reported that that they had raised \$1,500 or

\$1,600 of the necessary \$2,500 and thought the remainder could be raised. A committee consisting of E. E. Hershey, A. B. Ferguson and Jesse Thomas was appointed to secure samples of all the products of the county for display in the board of trade rooms. A motion was passed requesting those who knew of deposits of fire or pottery clay to send large samples to the secretary of the board that they may be sent East to be tested. It was decided to suppress the name and address of those sending communications as they are intended for the board alone and not for the rest of the state. Mr. Tower made an eloquent plea for a city park and a committee consisting of A. B. Cook, E. M. Tower and F. C. Stodder was appointed to investigate the subject and interview the city council upon it.

Following the meeting of the board, a silver meeting was called. The chief business was the adoption of resolutions reported at the last meeting, except the one which pledged members to vote only for candidates for office who declared themselves unequivocally in favor of free coinage.

Two Chinamen got into a row at Kennedy's ranch to-day, and one cut the other's head with some instrument, said to be a cleaver. The wound is said to be dangerous.

## For a Democratic Club.

Special Dispatch to the Standard.

MISSOULA, May 12.—A call has been issued for a mass meeting to be held at the court house Saturday evening, the 14th instant, for the purpose of organizing a democratic club. The call is signed by Mayor F. G. Higgins, Hon. C. M. Gruchfield, F. W. McConnell and C. H. Hall.

## A THING OF THE PAST.

**Little Left of the Butte Amateur Opera Company.**

BUTTE, May 12.—The "Little Tycoon" and vaulting ambition proved a combination too strong for the Butte Amateur Musical society to withstand, and the result was disastrous to the society. When it was decided to let "Elijah" go unheard and unsung, the amateur opera company warblers concluded that the "Little Tycoon" was written especially for a company possessed of so many clever people as the society contained. The scores were sent for and Charley Dwyer, the stage manager, proceeded to cast the piece subject to the approval of the executive committee.

The committee it seems did not approve Mr. Dwyer's selections for the part, and so announced at the meeting to-night. The cast as arranged by the stage manager, was read to the meeting and some vigorous solo and chorus kicking was done and the committee was ordered to retire and hold another meeting. At the end of about five minutes the committee reported a new cast. W. D. Fenner, who was down for a part, in an emphatic manner demanded to be left alone. Russell Williams, whose name was the second line from the top, also declined saying that he did not propose to "play second fiddle to anybody." The stage manager wanted to know what he had been appointed for and also resigned. H. V. Doering, he of the deep bass voice, also said he "would not play any more," and then Charley Lane said that he guessed he had all the experience as business manager that he desired, and then resigned his official position, and next his membership in the association. The only business transacted was to instruct the treasurer to pay for 39 books and the meeting came to an end.

The entire trouble seemed to be that everybody wanted his or her name in large type and that of everybody else in low-keyed, agate. Another source of much kicking was the fact that several new members insisted that leading parts should go around like the deal in a game of seven up regardless of ability. They thought it was a real shame that a few persons should all the time play "leads," while so much latent talent was compelled to be content with inglorious parts in the chorus. When the meeting adjourned the secretary and treasurer were the only officers left, and the secretary vowed that he would resign at the next meeting. A chorus, 30 books and \$50 now constitute the Butte Amateur Musical society and further reductions are threatened.

## THE IVY LEAF."

**One of the Prettiest of Plays Illustrative of Irish Life.**

Manager Maguire has secured for the Anaconda opera house W. H. Power's company in the beautiful Irish drama, "The Ivy Leaf," which is to be seen in this city Thursday, May 19. "The Ivy Leaf" is making its first visit to this city and is a bright and interesting play, with a thoroughly original plot worked out on lines that are in almost every respect new to the Irish drama. In the story that is told we see the end from the beginning, every act being literally brimful of surprises; and yet with all this there is nothing so glaringly absurd and improbable as is almost sure to show itself in the stereotyped Irish play. "The Ivy Leaf" must take its place in the ranks of dramatic literature as a strong, crisp, original and essentially Irish play, full of powerful and thrilling situations and admirably constructed from first to last. There is a charm in an Irish play that is found nowhere else. The poor Irish wanderer—the ne'er do well, full of delightful infirmities and rich in the virtues of self-sacrifice—is a genial character. Everybody feels like shaking him by the hand. The play, too, must picture his side of Irish life. There is nothing unromantic in a brave, impudent, heroic Irishman.

The man who is ready to give the last drop of his blood for Ireland is not an exception, further than the exception taken to him by England. Then again, every man of another nation feels that he, too, is a hero, or has in him the stuff to be a hero when the occasion demands it. For that reason hand league dramas will never be popular. Even the good old red coat play is no more popular here since Americans can speak "of the war." What is wanted is a picture of the Irishman as he is found among the bogs of his native green isle, as he is seen lounging, what is called in America loafing amid the old and cherished ruins of his native land, the "dub-dub" of his mouth, in his "caubeen," and not in his home, singing the "Welcome one, welcome all," or chunting one of the many tunes of "Sweet Innisfall," making love to every lass that chances by, trying to steal a kiss and getting a "trap in the lug," flinging his pipe and his coat and hat to the wind at the first sound of danger to somebody else, and rushing in the midst of a melee to help the weak and friendless, and next resuming his careless lounging and rating off his drollery.

The friends of William G. Schultz will be glad to hear that he now owns the entire business of the New York Portrait company, including their lodging apartments. The moguls will meet there Saturday night upon an invitation issued by the proprietor.

A new spring line of children's suits at S. Aschheim's.

## PRINTERS REMEMBERED

Dedication of the Childs-Drexel Home at Colorado Springs.

## WHERE THE WEARY MAY REST

There They May Go When They Run Short of "Takes" and Wait for Their Final "30"

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., May 12.—The Childs-Drexel home for printers was dedicated here to-day with appropriate ceremonies. The building is located a mile from the city on an elevation which overlooks the Garden of the Gods, Pike's Peak, Manitou and Cheyenne canyon. It is built of white lava stone, with red sandstone trimmings. It is four stories high, 144 by 40 feet, with all modern conveniences. The cost is \$80,000. It is the gift of George W. Childs and A. J. Drexel of Philadelphia to the International Typographical union. The rooms in the building are furnished by the unions in St. Louis, Chicago, San Francisco, New York, and one by the Chicago *Inter Ocean*. The gathering of a fine library has already begun.

VENEZUELAN BOMB THROWERS.

Much Excitement Caused at Caracas—Buildings Blown Up.

CARACAS, Venezuela, May 12.—This city was startled and terrified last night by a dynamite explosion, the most deafening and destructive of the three yet experienced. The people were panic stricken and fled in all directions. Bomb throwers effected their escape. The bomb was exploded alongside the residence of the minister of finance, who recently advanced Palacio a large sum of money, said to have been supplied by Touzman Blanco, a relative of Mattos, on condition that the last named take custom receipts until loan should be repaid. No one was injured by the bomb, but much damage was done.

The terror created among adherents of the government and citizens generally was increased by the police discovery this morning. In searching one of the neighboring houses for traces of the dynamiters, the police found a dozen bombs, six flasks of vitriol and a large number of rifles.

OUT OF POLITICS.

Fourth Class Postoffices to be Filled on a Basis of Merit.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The bill to exclude political influence from 61,000 fourth class postoffices in the country was agreed upon at the meeting of the house committee on civil service reform to-day. The bill provides for a division of the country into postal districts and where vacancies occur open competition shall be announced by the postoffice inspectors, who shall recommend the best man to the postmaster general after receiving the applications and examining facts. Congressmen and other federal officers are forbidden to make recommendations or interfere in any way with appointments under the bill, and appointments or removals upon political grounds are prohibited.

The acceptance by England of the invitation to take part in the international monetary conference will, it is believed, carry other united nations with it and assure the success of the movement. It is understood that favorable responses have also been received from Italy and Austria-Hungary.

The senate to-day confirmed the nomination of T. Jefferson Coolidge of Massachusetts as minister to France.

He Met Highwaymen.

BUTTE, May 12.—To-night between 11 and 12 o'clock Ed Melser, an employee at the Centennial brewery, was held up in West Silver street by three men, who robbed him of a \$10 check and \$7.60 in cash. One of the men covered him with a revolver while the others tried to search him who was searching him and threw him down, and then tried to down another, when he was struck on the head by one of them with a rock. He clung to the man with one hand and held the other hand above his head to ward off the blows. He was struck several times on the hand and badly wounded. He called for help, but nobody was near, and despite his struggles the footpads managed to take what he had. Officer Kohl, who was on Mercury street, happened along a few minutes after the robbery, and while Melser was still clutching him, two men walked out of an alley and, as soon as he saw them, Melser identified them as a couple of the road agents. The officer arrested them and took them to the station, where they gave their names as Chris Nolan and Robert Kelly. Nothing was found in their possession. The clothes of the prisoners were covered with dirt, showing where Melser had scuffled with them before he was robbed.

But we have other and individual benefactors to be remembered in connection with this work. Anthony Joseph Drexel and George W. Childs, both of Philadelphia, originated the idea of this home, and large contributions from them laid the foundation of its success. They are benefactors in the true sense, their gifts being numerous and widespread.

This home marks a forward step in the advancing column of benevolent thought and philanthropic action. It is, too, a recognition of the principle of trades unionism, by which the toiler in the work shop protects his interests against the aggressions of capital and power. There would be no need of labor organizations were all employers animated by the spirit so long displayed by George W. Childs, who never forgets the rights of the employed, and who never trenches upon the privileges of the great army of toilers. But all are not like him, and thus organization becomes both a duty and a necessity. The printers find their safety and strength in the International Typographical union, and this home, aside from its purely benevolent features, is a recognition of the merits and purposes of the organization that has done so much to make this enterprise a success.

President Cappellar, of the National Editorial association, spoke briefly, as did also Reverend Bishop McClaren of Chicago, an old time friend of Mr. Childs. Rev. A. R. Kiefer closed the ceremonies with the benediction. The Childs party will remain in Colorado Springs till Saturday.

Miners' Union Day.

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